

### WEALTHY YOUNG WOMAN ABDUCTED BY NEGRO, BELIEF

Wife of San Diego Hotel Owner Missing and Former Chauffeur Suspected of Carrying Her Away.

### HUSBAND RECEIVES MESSAGE

Telegram Says Taking Only Course to Keep Family from Death and Destruction.

### THREATENING LETTERS SENT

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Viola Hood, the young wife of a wealthy hotel owner here, is missing and the police said today they were searching for Raymond Merrill Dods, a negro, whom they charge with having carried her away.

Van Lee Hood, her husband, received a telegram sent late last night from Los Angeles. It said: "I have taken the only course open to keep my family from death and destruction. Am leaving here right now. Will write soon. Go to mamma. She will tell you all. Brace up. You cannot suffer more than I am and have been. Tell the people we had trouble and I left. With love, good-bye. VIOLA."

Hood took the telegram to his mother-in-law, it is said, and then learned for the first time of threatening letters received by his wife and alleged to have been written by Dods, the Hood's former chauffeur. Dods was discharged on accusation of theft.

### Former Carriers Of The Bee Have a Lunch Together

A luncheon a little out of the ordinary was given Friday afternoon at the University club, when four old classmates and boy partners on Bee paper routes met together for the first time in sixteen years. They were Dr. William Wherry, Mr. Otis Alvord of the First National bank, Mr. Chandler Holmes, clerk of the district court at Council Bluffs, and Mr. Newton Buckley, a civil engineer, occasionally in Omaha.

Years ago the four were known to the Bee circulation department as "the happy four," because they were always together to get their papers, and seemingly most happy in the association.

### Funeral of E. L. Lomax Will Be Held Monday

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Simple public funeral services over the late Edward Lloyd Lomax, passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific, who died Friday, will be held Monday afternoon in the parlors of a local undertaking concern. The ceremonies at the grave will be private.

Railroad and transportation men from leading lines centering in San Francisco will attend the public services while the pallbearers have been chosen from their number. Dean Greenham will conduct the religious services.

### Harvard Scholarship To James Northrup

Principal Moore of the South High school announces that a Harvard university scholarship has been awarded to James Northrup of 1223 North Twenty-fourth street, South Side. This pupil is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Northrup and will complete his course at the South High next June. He expects to enter Harvard next fall.

### EIGHTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN ALASKA TOWN

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—Richardson, sixty miles from Fairbanks, reported 80 degrees below zero today. Eighty points reported from 40 to 60 degrees below.

### The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Columns include temperature at various times (8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m.) and comparative local records for 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

### SOME OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB BOSSES BY THE BEE'S CARICATURIST



### REAVIS HAS PLAN FOR MORE CADETS

Member from Nebraska First Wants to Fill Academies at West Point and Annapolis.

### MEANS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Congressman C. F. Reavis has appointed Charles C. Hartman of 2433 W street, Lincoln, cadet to the Naval academy at Annapolis and Carl W. Hoffmann of Nebraska City and Lyman Bell of Tecumseh as alternates.

Mr. Reavis is not at all satisfied with the manner in which cadets to West Point are appointed and by the same token he is dissatisfied with the way congressmen designate young men to enter either military school. Congressman Reavis believes we should utilize the military and naval academies to the fullest extent of their equipment and to take from congressmen the power to recommend cadets.

Outlining the purposes of a bill which he proposes to introduce, Mr. Reavis said: "One of the contributing causes of German military success in her large and efficient corps of officers. Germany has been able not only to officer her own armies, to supply the places of those lost and missing, but to officer the armies of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey as well."

Shortage of Officers. The army and navy of the United States are notoriously more deficient in the number of officers than any similar organizations in the world. What officers we have are very efficient, but we have too few.

"The naval academy has at present a student attendance of 906, with an equipment sufficient to accommodate 1,500 students at slight additional expense. The military academy presents the same condition only less in degree."

"The citizenship of the United States possesses every potential essential required of great soldiers, but the development of a citizen soldiery, should occasion ever require, demands an ample supply of officers."

### Des Moines Law Passed by Votes of Women is Valid

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 21.—The state supreme court today ruled that the Des Moines municipal court bill was legally adopted in the recent special election. The legality of the street car franchise awarded the Des Moines city railway was also upheld.

### ROCK ISLAND BALKS ON CENTRAL ASSOCIATION DEAL

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 22.—The local base ball association, formed several months ago to secure a franchise in 1916 in the Three-I league, at a meeting held last night voted not to take over a Central association team President Justice of the latter organization has promised to place here as a result of the recent ruling declaring this city Central association territory. The local association holds a lease on the municipal base ball park and will refuse to surrender it to Justice, it is claimed.

### Man Charged with Passing of Bogus Bills Is Captured

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal Jensen has departed from Sioux Falls having in custody George Tate, alias "Spiko" Hennessy, alleged counterfeit, who recently was captured in South Dakota, and who is being taken by Deputy Marshal Jensen to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will be turned over to the United States authorities, who want him on the charge of passing counterfeit \$5 silver certificates.

The defendant is an ex-pugilist, a former circus bicycle rider and a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Tate is 35 years of age. The indictment pending against him at Pittsburgh charges that he during last May passed counterfeit \$5 silver certificates at Altoona, Pa. He was arrested in the east, but broke jail and headed westward, finally bringing up at Milbank, S. D.

Upon arriving in Milbank he assumed the name of James Quigley. The fact that he was captured was due to his talking too much while under the influence of liquor. While partially intoxicated he ran afoul of Sheriff Manley, and, being in a talkative mood, confided to the sheriff a part of his past record, of the indictment pending against him at Pittsburgh and of having broken jail at Benton Harbor, Mich., last May.

### Furman D. Updike Visits Sons in Jail

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Furman D. Updike, whose sons, Irving and Herbert, confessed to plotting to murder his wife, visited them at the county jail for the first time today.

He shook hands and spoke kindly to his sons, and then all were closeted for an hour. The nature of the conference was not disclosed by either of the visitors when they left the jail.

### YOUNG COLUMBUS COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS AT ALTAR

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Keeping the news of their prospective marriage a secret from even their closest friends, two of Columbus' most popular young people, Matthew C. Abts and Miss Irene Sanders, were quietly married this evening.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders, Rev. Mr. Sanders being the Episcopal minister. Matt Abts is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Abts and is treasurer of the H. W. Abts company, wholesale grocers. The ceremony was performed in the Episcopal church by the bride's father, the bride being given away by her mother.

### RAILROAD SETTLES WITH INJURED TECUMSEH MAN

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A claim agent for the Union Pacific Railroad company was in Tecumseh Friday and settled with C. W. Jones, one of the passengers on the motor which was wrecked near Randolph, Kan., on October 16 last. The agent paid Mr. Jones \$1,000 in cash. Five Tecumseh men were in the wreck, two of them losing their lives, and this is the second settlement the railroad company has brought about. The other was with Carl Brock, a farmer living east of the city, who was paid \$1,500 in cash.

### SITMSON AND ROOT FOR PREPAREDNESS

Former Members of Republican Cabinets Endorse Wilson Plan for Larger Army.

### FAVOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A letter on "military conditions" by Ellihu Root, former secretary of state, and an address endorsing the administration's continental army plan by Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war, were features of the program of the final session today of the National Security League's congress.

A number of other addresses are also to be delivered. The congress will close tonight with a banquet, at which Senator Lodge and former Attorney General Weeks are to be the principal speakers.

Declaring himself in favor of compulsory universal military service as the true solution of the defense problem, Mr. Stimson said he regarded the program now advanced by Secretary Garrison as the sound initial step. "If congress is not ready to sanction universal training," he said, "the measures which are enacted should be those which, so far as they go, are in accord with this great fundamental duty and which, as time passes and experience ripens, will lead most naturally to the establishment of such a system."

"One of the propositions which is being seriously urged before congress is that we should pay our state militia from the national treasury and should attempt to do so."

### John Lind Replies To Ex-Ambassador's Plea for Disavowal

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 22.—In a reply to a letter from Henry Lane Wilson, former ambassador to Mexico, calling on him to disavow alleged statements made at a church meeting here, that Mr. Wilson knew of the plot to murder Francisco I. Madero, John Lind, former personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, sent to Mr. Wilson the following letter, made public tonight by Charles B. Elliott, Mr. Wilson's local attorney.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. "In the course of the address to which you refer I commented on the events which led up to and culminated in the death of President Madero. What I said was stated in good faith in the course of that discussion and in the full belief of the accuracy of my information. The press reports of my utterances dispatched from the other language of my remarks are misleading and susceptible of misinterpretation. I was not responsible for their publication, assume no such responsibility and disavow them. Signed, "Very respectfully, yours, JOHN LIND."

### Jewish War Relief Day Next Friday; Bishop Greer Tells the Reason Why

The proclamation by the president of a Jewish War Relief day throughout the country for next Friday, January 27, is stimulating systematic activity in the work here in Omaha. The different churches will be advised in their services about the day that has been set apart and urged to contribute when called upon. The Omaha Jewish War Relief committee is headed by Harry B. Zimman, to whom remittances should be made with check, payable either to Morris Levy, treasurer of the local committee, or Felix M. Wärburg, treasurer of the national committee. The reasons why this appeal is being made have been set forth in stirring language by Bishop Greer in his address to the big Carnegie hall meeting in New York last

### MEXICANS WHO SLEW AMERICANS WILL DIE TODAY

Cattle Thieves Killing Bert Akers Sentenced to Death and Face Firing Squad This Morning.

### TRIAL IS SHORT AND SNAPPY

Rancher Who Lived Near El Paso Shot to Death While Hunting for Stolen Cows.

### MURDERED AFTER A BATTLE

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 22.—Bernardo and Frederico Duran, the Mexican cattle thieves involved in the killing of Bert Akers, an American, yesterday at San Lorenzo Chihuahua, Juarez, below the boundary line, will be executed tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock, according to an announcement made tonight by Andrew Garcia, Mexican consul here. "The Durans confessed their crime and were sentenced to death today," said Mr. Garcia, "and a firing squad will execute the penalty."

### EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 22.—The tense situation at this border point produced by the Santa Ysabel massacre more than a week ago early today was considered to have been complicated, when details of the killing of Bert Akers, an American rancher from Yaleta, Tex., became known. Akers was slain by Bernardo Duran, a Mexican cattle rustler, in a battle that occurred yesterday afternoon at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, a village a short distance below the border. With a companion, Douglas Downs, and a Mexican police official, Akers sought to recover cattle stolen last Monday from Mrs. Murphy, a neighbor, at Yaleta, when Duran, with his brother Federico, opened fire from the roof of their house.

General Gabriel Gavira, commandant at Juarez, from headquarters early today, gave out a carefully dictated statement. "The Duran brothers have not satisfied the authorities as to how they obtained the cows. It is my opinion the men were thieves and that the cows were stolen."

"The names of the men are Bernardo Duran, who killed the American, and his brother, Federico Duran, who pursued and captured the policeman. "I sent a party of police to bring the body of the slain American to Juarez. I have asked Consul Garcia of El Paso to request the penitentiary officials at Santa Fe, N. M., to look up the record of Bernardo Duran, who is reported to have been a prisoner there on account of cattle stealing and who escaped. "I announce that if the Durans are found guilty, they will receive the punishment they deserve."

### NEBRASKA EDITORS MEET AT HASTINGS

ORD, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A call for a meeting of the executive committee of the State Press association has been issued by President Horace M. Davis of the Ord Journal for Hastings, Saturday evening, January 29. Time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the association is to be considered. A representative of the Western Nebraska Association of Commercial Clubs has asked permission to attend the meeting and extend an invitation for the next annual gathering of the thought molders.

The plan that met with approval at the last meeting of the association was for a week's trip through the western part of the state, holding meetings en route and stopping at different towns along the way, with Scott's Bluffs the objective point. The party would gather at some central point, possibly Grand Island, and go out by one railroad and return by another.

### HARLAN COUNTY BANKS PAY TAX UNDER PROTEST

ALMA, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Two banks in Harlan county paid their taxes under protest pending the supreme court decision on the validity of the new law that superseded the Smith mortgage tax law which permitted banks to escape taxation on their capital stock.

### FIRE ON NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER SYGNA

Ship Which Left New York with Cargo of Steel for Russia is Forced to Return.

### NO MUNITIONS ARE ON BOARD

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Mystery surrounds the fire which forced the Norwegian freight steamer Sygna to put back to this port today after having sailed yesterday for Archangel with a large cargo consigned to the Russian government. The fire boat William J. Gaynor met the freighter at quarantine and after quantities of steam had been turned into the Sygna's forehold, from which clouds of smoke were pouring when it reached port, it was believed the fire was virtually under control. Officers and members of the freighter's crew said so far as they knew no explosion preceded the fire, but they were unable to offer an explanation of how the blaze originated in a hold which they said contained only structural steel and railway material. When asked if there was evidence indicating that the fire had been of incendiary origin, officers said "that it was too soon to make an investigation."

Members of the Sygna's crew, who covered the hatch of the forehold yesterday, said there was no indication of fire when the freighter sailed and that it was early yesterday evening before one of the watch saw smoke seeping from around the hatch. The cover was hurriedly taken off, and while no flames could be seen, a great quantity of smoke rose from the hold.

The Sygna will be docked, partly unloaded and thoroughly examined to determine the cause of the blaze. Structural steel and various forms of structural steel were said to be in the bottom of the forehold, while on top of this material was a large amount of railway supplies, chiefly steel car parts for assembling in Russia. It could not be learned whether the vessel had any munitions aboard.

Norton, Lilly & Co., agents for the Sygna, later stated that the freighter did not carry any munitions or highly inflammable material, the cargo consisting of steel railway car parts and wire.

### Pope Holds Belgium Entitled to Liberty and Amends, it is Said

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The British embassy today issued this statement, based on its dispatches from London: "A. Stigvaldsen, Belgian Jesuit, Father Benesse, lately received by the holy father, has given the following account of his audience to a Dutch chaplain in the Belgian army on his return: "The pope told me and told me to repeat it along the trenches to men and officers, and even to the king, himself, that he considered Belgium has the right to complete reparations from Germany and that he will never consent to offer his good offices for re-establishment of peace unless Belgium has all its territories in Europe and Africa restored to it, with plenitude, it liberties and international rights as they existed before and this without prejudice to its claim for an adequate indemnity to be fixed after a minute inquiry and inventory of all public monuments destroyed after rebuilding factories and private houses and restitution of all private property."

"The Times correspondent at Saloniki reports the examinations of enemy consulates' archives still is incomplete. Among documents found at the consulate of his majesty of Austria, are 1,500 copies of a long Arabic proclamation, signed by chiefs, inciting them to holy war on non-Germanic Christendom. They were found in sealed parcels addressed to the Austrian military attaché at Athens."

"The proclamation contains the following words: "Of all instruments Allah has chosen for protection of our religion the surest is the German nation. Its various instances we have realized the imperious necessity of proclaiming a holy war. In northern Africa, the most powerful ruler and one possessing most authority in the Musaulman world, is his excellency, the Insam, illustrious exemplar champion of Islam in the cause of Allah, who is our lord and master, the sure guide of all elect. This leader is bred in the truth of the Koranic law and his soul shining with its pure effulgence, has undertaken the task of purifying all corrupt souls and directing them in paths of life revealed by the holy book given all Musaulmans."

"There is evidence that this proclamation was produced in Germany, a country whose monarch always is invoking God."

### Sixteen Warships of Allies Bombard Ports of Bulgaria

PARIS, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Milan to the Temps says that the squadron of sixteen warships of the allies which on Wednesday last bombarded Porto Legon, the Bulgarian seaport on the Aegean, under the Greco border, also shelled the military barracks and railway station at Dedegatch and destroyed a military train. The dispatch adds that among the attacking vessels was the Italian cruiser Piemonte.

### Norwegian Town of Moede is Destroyed

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 22.—(Via London.)—The Norwegian town of Moede was still burning at midnight. The greater part of it has already been reduced to ashes and it is threatened with entire destruction. Nearly 2,000 people are homeless. No casualties have been reported.

An earlier dispatch announced that the fire, which started at Moede on January 21, had consumed the central part of the town, and that the flames were being fanned by a high gale. Moede is a small seaport on the bay of Moelde, to the southwest of Christiansand.

### PASSENGER CARS CARRIED DOWN MOUNTAIN INSIDE

Great Northern Train is Struck by an Avalanche on the West Slope of the Cascade Mountains.

### FOUR BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Snowslide Hits Train Which is Standing Still and Takes Away Diner and Day Coach.

### SCENE OF FORMER DISASTER

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—Early tonight four bodies had been recovered from the wreck of the west-bound Great Northern Cascade Limited train, two cars of which were struck by an avalanche near Corea station, on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, and carried 300 feet down the mountainside today. The bodies recovered were those of: BERT KIRKMAN, Sheridan, Wyo. W. F. CARTER, East Vancouver, B. C. EDWARD BATTERMAN AND BABY, Wenatchee, Wash.

A 10-year old son of Mr. Batterman is missing and it is feared he is dead. Still another passenger, name not known, has not been found. The railroad company says the total list of dead will not exceed six.

Fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously, except Ernest Smith of Spokane, a small boy. The injured were taken to the hotel at Seaside, a few miles below Corea, and cared for by physicians. The injured and uninjured passengers will be brought to Seattle tonight.

None of the trainmen or dining car employees was killed. The train was held at Corea by a small slide. When the track was about cleared an avalanche broke from the mountain and caught the dining car and day coach. They went down the mountainside like chips and the diner caught fire and was destroyed. One dead man and three injured were extricated from it and a charred body remained while rescuers devoted their efforts to the other victims.

Concrete sheds were erected on the approaches to the Cascade tunnel following the tragedy of February 23, 1915, when two passenger trains were swept from the track by a snowslide near the same of the present accident. Railroad engineers believed that all points liable to be reached by a slide had been protected.

### Fifty Five-Minute Speeches Made on Good Roads Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Fifty-five-minute speeches on the Shuckeloff \$25,000,000 good roads bill, evenly divided between city congressmen who oppose it and those from the country districts who support it, were delivered in the house today and more will be heard on Monday. The money would be apportioned to all states, conditional upon local cooperation.

"We don't want to appropriate a lot of money for roads that probably will run from country depots to farmers' houses," was the way Representative Modes of New York put the opposition.

"The objection of the opponents to this bill is that it would not provide peaceable highways running from ocean-to-ocean for automobilists," Representative Thompson of Oklahoma replied.

Many opponents of the measure declared the proposition appropriation should be applied to the preparedness expenditures.

### CUSTER COUNTY DRIES FIRM ORGANIZATION

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A county "dry" federation was formed here this week to co-operate with all similar organizations interested in carrying the state for prohibition at the next general election. Ralph Johnson was elected president, G. O. Joyner vice president, J. M. Podge secretary, Ray Kuns treasurer. The election of J. D. Ream and Rev. A. A. Randall completed the necessary number, and this body will constitute the executive committee of Custer county. The county federation has empowered this committee to organize all the precincts along the lines that have already been established. Two hundred dollars was raised toward the support of the state federation in carrying on its propaganda.

### Free Movie Coupon

This Free Coupon entitles bearer to a free ticket to any of these high-class Moving Picture Theaters on the days named. Present at Box Office with regular price of one adult ticket and get additional ticket free.

Table listing movie theaters and their locations: GRAND BESSIE (8th and N. South Omaha), BESSIE (8th and N. South Omaha), THEATRE BEAUFORT (16th and Blaney), THE HOME OF THE HIGH GRADE (16th and Blaney), HIPPODROME (424 Counting St. Always the Best Picture), SUBURBAN (Where Your Entertainment is First Consideration), ARBOR (22d and Arbor, Your Favorite), LOTHROP (24th and Lehigh, The Family Theater).